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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Smallpox near Lewes, Del.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, DEL., *September 26, 1902.*

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, referring to my letter of the 1st instant, reporting the appearance of smallpox in the vicinity of Lewes, I have the honor to report further that since my last letter I am informed that 3 more cases have occurred, making a total of 7. Three of these are now convalescent. There have been no fatalities. No case has as yet occurred within the city.

Respectfully,

C. H. LAVINDER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon.

Arrival at Reedy Island Quarantine of vessels from Cuban ports.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., September 21, 1902.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels:

September 14, steamship *Otta*, from Havana, with sugar; no passengers; bill of health signed by Assistant Surgeon Trotter. September 16, schooner *Nantasket*, from Cienfuegos, with iron; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahan.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, In Command.

Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from West Indian and South American ports.

BALTIMORE, MD., *September 27, 1902.*

SIR: I have to report the arrival at this port of the following vessels, from the ports named, for the week ended this day:

American bark *Dom Pedro II*, from Rio de Janeiro, with coffee; British steamship *Alabama*, from Daiquiri, Cuba, with coffee; British steamship *Tresco*, from Santiago de Cuba, with coffee; British steamship *Lincluden*, from Daiquiri, Cuba, with coffee.

Respectfully,

N. A. RYON,
Special Deputy Collector of Customs.

Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from West Indian and South American ports.

BALTIMORE, MD., *September 20, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the arrival of the following vessels at the port of Baltimore, from the ports named, for the week ended this day:

September 15, British steamship *Royal Exchange*, from Santiago de

Cuba, with ore; British steamship *Dora*, from Daiquiri, with ore; Norwegian steamship *Hippolyte Dumois*, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, with fruit; British steamship *Oxus*, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, with fruit. September 17, British steamship *Strathnevis*, from Rio de Janeiro, with ore; Norwegian steamship *Uller*, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, with fruit. September 18, British steamship *Anglo Chilean*, from Iquique, Chile, with nitrate of soda.

Respectfully,

N. A. RYON,
Special Deputy Collector of Customs.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

El Paso, Tex., September 20, 1902—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit herewith the following summary of transactions at this station for the week ended September 20, 1902: Inspection of Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 213; inspection of Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passengers, 29; inspection of Mexican immigrants, 128; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 412 pieces; disinfection of cattle hides imported from Mexico, 437; disinfection of 2 trunks of a man and wife twelve days out from Vera Cruz.

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

Laredo, Tex., September 13, 1902—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit the following inspection report for week ended September 13, 1902: Number of passenger trains entering from Mexico inspected, 14; persons inspected on trains entering from Mexico, 653; immigrants inspected, 71; immigrants vaccinated upon entry, 7. September 12, 2 persons three days out from Vera Cruz refused entry; no baggage. September 13, 1 person two days out from Tampico detained.

Laredo, Tex., September 21, 1902—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit following inspection report for the week ended September 20, 1902: Number of passenger trains entering from Mexico inspected, 14; persons on trains entering from Mexico inspected, 819; immigrants inspected, 51; immigrants vaccinated upon entry, 9. September 16, disinfected 1 trunk of person seven days out from Vera Cruz.

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

Yellow fever reported at Orizaba, Mexico.

LAREDO, TEX., *September 23, 1902.*

SIR: Inclosed please find clipping from the City of Mexico newspaper, *Imparcial*, which takes notice that yellow fever prevails in Orizaba, Mexico, as in the year 1899 when Surgeon Cofer found it there. I will disinfect all baggage from that point and hold persons for five days' absence from Orizaba, unless you find report not true, and notify me. I will write Acting Assistant Surgeon Hodgson for information.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.